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SUBJECT: ERITREA - ARRESTS

1. IL QUOTIDIANO ERITREO OF 10 NOVEMBER CARRIED A REPORT THAT 135 MUNICIPAL POLICEMEN WERE ARRESTED BY THE DIRG. THE POLICEMEN WENT ON STRIKE FOR HIGHER SALARIES IN SPITE OF PROHIBITIONS AGAINST STRIKES. THE DIRG SAW THE STRIKE AS BEING AGAINST THE PHILOSOPHY OF ETHIOPIA TIKDEM, AND ARRESTED THE POLICEMEN. COMMENT: LOCAL SOURCES REPORT THAT THE MUNICIPAL POLICEMEN HAVE A POOR REPUTATION IN THE EYES OF THE POPULACE, SO THERE WAS LITTLE OR NO ADVERSE REACTION TO THEIR ARRESTS.

2. IL QUOTIDIANO ERITREO OF 12 NOVEMBER REPORTED MORE ARRESTS. ATO ASSEFFA AZZESEU, PRES OF HIGH COURT OF TIGRE, WAS ARRESTED FOR DEMONSTRATING AN UNJUST ATTITUDE TOWARDS CRIMES AGAINST POOR PEOPLE. ATO ZEGAI IASU, A LAWYER, WAS ARRESTED FOR DELIBERATELY AND MALICIOUSLY UNDERMINING THE SUCCESS OF THE PARENTS/STUDENTS MEETING ON 9 NOVEMBER. COMMENT: LOCAL SOURCES REPORT THAT MORE ARRESTS HAVE BEEN MADE FOR SIMILAR REASONS, WHICH HAVE NOT BEEN ANNOUNCED PUBLICLY.  
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